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CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD AND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Contract Effective Dates from November 1, 2019 to February 15, 2020

The North Carolina State Board of Education proposes to use the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) research and facilitation services to inform state education policy and improve outcomes for students. The services will be associated with the state's accountability system.

Historical Information

The Southern Regional Education Board: The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is passionate about and committed to school reform and school leader preparation and development. The southern region of the United States has historically had higher poverty levels and lower educational achievement than the rest of the country. In 1948, Southern governors and legislators, recognizing the link between education and economic vitality, created SREB as an organization to improve public education at every level.

Experience

For seventy-one years, SREB has been working with states to improve education outcomes. SREB provides state education agencies, legislatures and governors with education policy advice and technical assistance on topics ranging from better identifying and serving students with dyslexia, to creating career pathways that prepare high school graduates for both college and careers.

Support Services to be Provided by SREB

SREB will:

- Facilitate two, one-day meetings of the accountability workgroup appointed by the state board of education;
- Lead the workgroup in an analysis exercise connected to North Carolina students' performance;
- Provide information on promising practices related to accountability systems;
- Make available information about related policies and outcomes in other SREB states;
- Deliver a written summary of the workgroup meetings; and
- Present results of the workgroup meetings to the North Carolina State Board of Education.

Scope of work

The work will address the following components:

- Methods of reporting data that will better depict school performance and progress;
- Feasibility of including end of grade and end of course retest scores in achievement and growth calculations for schools and districts;

- Alignment of the state’s accountability system and school report cards with the North Carolina State Board of Education Strategic Plan; and
- Recommendations for aligning the state accountability system and school report cards with the 1997 N.C. Supreme Court decision related to the constitutional guarantee of a “sound, basic education.

Costs

Description of Work	Dates	Quantity	Cost	Total
SREB Research and Policy Analysts will conduct analysis of accountability systems of the 16 SREB states and other states that show promising practice related to student achievement.	October – November 2019	12 Days	\$750	\$9,000
SREB Director of State and Districts Partnerships will facilitate two, one-day meetings of the accountability workgroup. Research and Policy Analyst will Present the finds of the study and answer related questions.	November – December 2019	2 – Staff 2 – Days	\$1,800	\$7,200
Consult with content expert on accountability systems. – SREB Independent Contractor	October 2019	4	\$1,500	\$6,000
SREB will have the workgroup meetings recorded and transcribed.	December 2019 – January 2020	16 hours	\$45	\$720
SREB writers/editors will prepare a written report of the taskforce discussions and decisions.	January 2020	3 Days	\$500	\$1,500
SREB Leadership will present the findings of the study to the North Carolina State Board of Education.	February 2020	2 – Staff 1 – Day	\$1,800	\$3,600
Subtotal				\$28,020.00
Indirect Costs (10%)				\$2,802.00
Total				\$30,822.00

The state education agency will be responsible for travel costs incurred if they cancel a meeting within seven days of the planned event.


TOTAL AMOUNT - \$30,822.00

Invoices to be submitted upon completion of the agreed work.

The Board of Control for Southern Regional Education, d/b/a Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), as a not-for-profit educational compact, must comply with OMB Circular A-133. Please indicate with your remittance whether any of the funds are from Federal sources, including CFDA number. In the absence of any notification with remittance, SREB will assume that the funds are not subject to OMB Circular A-133, and that there is not "recipient" nor "sub recipient" relationship created hereunder.

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SREB President

Date



Chair or Designee
North Carolina State
Board of Education

11/04/2019

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